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Applicant:	Kishore Tipirneni	Docket No.:	40500.0117
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Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FIXATION OF BONE FRACTURES	Confirmation No:	9636

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005, wherein this Reply is timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for reply, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.